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Sedgwick County Fireworks Incidents Reported

(Sedgwick County, Kansas) – The preliminary report on fireworks or suspected fireworks related incidents within the boundaries of Sedgwick County Fire District #1 are listed below. Another update will be released next week, pending any new information.

Total reported fireworks related incidents – 35

Total reported injuries – 1

Total dollar loss on all reported fireworks incidents -- \$54,800

Incidents included the following:

- 1. Garage fire causing approximately \$50,000 loss to structure and contents.
- 2. Shed fire causing approximately \$1,500 loss to structure.
- 3. One reported minor injury from a firework blowing up in a juveniles hand.
- 4. Loss of 56 round hay bales valued at approximately \$2,800
- 5. Numerous grass and wheat stubble field fires all with minimal loss.

"The Sedgwick County Fire District works hard to educate the public on Fireworks safety. We hate to hear of any incidents occurring that could be preventable," said Sedgwick County Commission Chairman Tim Norton. "However, we are very lucky that these incidents were not worse, and more importantly, did not cause any loss of life."

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